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**RE: PUBLIC NOTICE: APPLICATION FOR BOND RELEASE JUMBO DOME ROAD CORRIDOR (PERMIT # S-0605)**

Dear Alaskan,

Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc. (UCM), P.O. Box 1000, Healy, Alaska 99743, has requested Phase I Bond and Phase II Bond Releases for portions of their Jumbo Dome Road Corridor, permit No. S-0605. UCM has requested a total of 9.3 acres for Phase I Bond and Phase II Bond Release. The bond release request for Phase I is based on UCM completing the reclamation for backfilling, regrading and drainage control in accordance with AS 27.21.170 (c) (1). The bond release request for Phase II is based on UCM completed the revegetation under the requirements set forth AS 27.170 (c) (2). UCM has requested a release of \$8,986.00 for Phase I Bond Release and \$2,995.00 for Phase II Bond Release of their \$432,210.00 reclamation bond.

As part of this request for bond release, UCM reported the following reclamation activities: Topsoil replacement was started in July 2014. December 2014 through February 2015 fill material was brought in to cover exposed coal seams and bring the site to the approved post mining topography (PMT). All reclamation work associated with this bond release request was completed in 2017. The result of the grading was to achieve the approved PMT. Reclamation work was completed in 2017. In July of 2017 seeding was applied by UCM to establish ground cover for sediment control off of the reclaimed area.

The Jumbo Dome Road Corridor permit was initially issued December 21, 2006 and consists of a 906 acre permit for a coal haul road. The permit is located approximately nine miles northeast of Healy, Alaska. The mine is located within Sections 4,8, 9, 17, 18, 19, 20, 25, 29 and 30, Township 11 South, Range 6 West, and Sections 25&36, Township 11 South, Range 7 West, within the Fairbanks Meridian. Land affected by this request for Phase I & Phase II Bond Release is owned by the State of Alaska. The Jumbo Dome Road Corridor permits were renewed on May 30, 2018 for a third permit term.

Copies of the bond release request are available for review at the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water, 550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 920, Anchorage, AK 99501-3577, and at the Department's Fairbanks office at 3700 Airport Way, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709, or on our website at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/mining/coal/jdrc/>

Any person with a valid legal interest that might be adversely affected by this proposal or any federal, state, or municipal agency that has jurisdiction may submit written comments or objections concerning this proposal, and may also request, in writing, a public hearing under AS 27.21.170(g). Comments may be sent to Russell Kirkham by mail at the Anchorage address above, fax to (907) 269-8950, or by e-mail to [coalprogram@alaska.gov](mailto:coalprogram@alaska.gov) with the subject, "Jumbo Dome Road Corridor Bond Release" The deadline for comments and request for a public hearing is 5:00 pm, April 8, 2019.